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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"I have travelled in the cycle rickshaw in many of the Far Eastern countries like Malaya and Java; I found them definitely better and easier to pedal than to pull which is the case with the ordinary rickshaws. Will the Government introduce them here also."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Having not much of personal experience in cycle rickshaws I am not in a position to give any definite answer. All I can say is, the Government are considering the question of abolishing rickshaws altogether, and it is with that view we are reducing their number by 1,250 and see what could be done. For instance Government have under consideration whether tonga could not be gradually substituted for rickshaws."

Payment of increased salaries to teachers in aided schools.

* 212 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in many aided schools the managements have not been able to give the increased salaries to teachers prescribed in the recent Government Order;

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take to enforce their orders;

(c) whether managements have represented that they would be forced to close down schools if the Government insisted upon payment of increased scales of salary; and

(d) whether the Government have under consideration the question of paying enhanced grants to enable the managements to pay increased rates of salary?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) to (d) Some managements have represented that they are unable to pay the amount expected to be paid by them under the Government Order. The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government will expedite their orders to see that what is generously offered by the Government is really given to those who deserve?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"The matter is actively under consideration; but the difficulty of the management is there, which has to be looked into."

Compulsory extra payment of Rs. 5 to teachers in aided schools.

* 213 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that by a recent Government Order the Government made it compulsory on the part of the management to pay Rs. 5 per mensem to every teacher employed in aided elementary schools;